REMARKS

The Office Action dated August 19, 2010 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment and following remarks are made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-6, 8-38, 40-73, 75, 76, and 78-92 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-6, 8-20, 22, 26, 40, 41, 43, 44, 52, 53, 58-71, 73, 75, 76, 78-88 and 90-92 are allowed. Claims 21, 23-25, 27-38, 42, 45-51, 54-57, 72, and 89 stand rejected.

The rejection of Claims 21, 37, 54, 72, and 89 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention is respectfully traversed.

Claims 21, 37, 54, 72, and 89 have been canceled, rendering the rejection moot.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the § 112, second paragraph rejection of Claims 21, 37, 54, 72, and 89 be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 23-25, 27-38, 42, 45-51, and 54-57 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to statutory and non-statutory subject matter is respectfully traversed. Claim 23 has been amended to include a particular machine, namely a gaming machine. Therefore, Claim 23 is directed to a patentable process.

Claims 24, 25, 27-38, 42, 45-51, and 54-57 depend directly or indirectly from independent Claim 23. When the recitations of Claims 24, 25, 27-38, 42, 45-51, and 54-57 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 23, Applicants submit that dependent Claims 24, 25, 27-38, 42, 45-51, and 54-57 likewise comply with 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Accordingly, Applicants request the rejection of Claims 23-25, 27-38, 42, 45-51, and 54-57 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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